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MARRIAGE.

On 21st December, at St. John's Cathedral, by the Rev. F. T. Johnson, ARTHUR WILLIAM HILL, Supreme Court, Hong Kong, to EMILY FLORA von REIFFENSTUHL, youngest daughter of the late JONATHAN HOWELL, of Cambridge. [2967]

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VOEUX ROAD CH.
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 22ND, 1904.

WAR is having its effect upon the universal nerves. It is brutalising the participants, brutalising the beholders; and it is changing the intellectual focus of all and sundry. Its neuragic effect upon some of the actors in the great international tragedy has just been illustrated in a distressing manner at Shanghai, with fatal result to a Chinaman, and with disturbing effect upon the mental balance of our fellow nationals in the northern port.

It appears that Shanghai has been for some time offended by the bearing and behaviour of the Russian sailors going ashore from their interned ships. How much the local bias in favour of Japan and against Russia has conspired to exaggerate their misdeeds, we can only guess. It does seem as if someone ought to point out, even after the latest disastrous incident, the need of making some charitable allowance for the tame tigers so recently excited by the smell of blood. The inherent savagery of the human brute has been dragged nearer the surface in the soldier. It is but held on leash in time of peace; in war time, he is admired, and praised, for letting it out, and called a hero if he lets it go at the right moment. Here at Shanghai we have a lot of human fighting animals, whose tushes have been whetted, and who have been withdrawn and held back from further scenes of carnage. They have not yet had time to get back to the old peace footing.

Before, tensed and tormented by the rich, coolie, those same men would have grinned amiably, even after vodka, and shown no evil temper. Now, since self-repression of that kind is not called for in the trenches, or behind the gun shields, they had lost the knack of patience. With a mob of jabbering Chinese coolies behind them, some even impudently plucking at their garments; and remembering that they were prisoners of war, with liberties recently restricted, it is small wonder that they should be goaded to viciousness. A weapon lying unfortunately too handy, one of them, according to our contemporary, swung it behind him, obviously to rid himself of his annoyances. Whatever his intentions were with regard to the coolies, it seems clear, from the report, that he intended no hurt to his actual victim. That is, if it be true that the Chinaman killed by the swing adze was a non-interested passer by. How is it, in this admission, that we find our hitherto sober contemporary clamouring for vengeance? It must be that the war fever has got into it also. Since Russian law prevents the Russian consul trying a Russian sailor when that sailor's officers are available, and because presumably, it does not trust the Russian Court Martial to make the punishment sufficiently severe, our northern contemporary abandons a principle that is as old as foreign residence in China; and would have these two foreigners handed over to trial by Chinese. It is very bad, and very alarming, of course, that evil-passioned Russian sailors should be allowed to wander through the streets of Shanghai. It must make some of the old ladies there quake in their beds. But a little while ago, there were Japanese youths running about Shanghai, with knives, and using them. This was bad, too, but we do not wish to make too much of it. It was, as we say, one of the painful concomitants of a close-by war. There was no outcry, however, against the principle of extraterritoriality in that case; no demand that the foreign delinquents should be handed over to the tender mercies of a Taotai. Why this difference?

After the North Sea affair, we have no great love for the Russian sailor. We can never trust him now to behave like a civilized creature. At the same time, he is a foreigner, and we know something of Chinese criminal procedure. We remember things that this war and this incident appear to have made Shanghai forget. Not having forgotten, and not having succumbed to the fell influences of the war, we cannot join our otherwise esteemed contemporary in its latest demand. Instead, we protest, and strongly protest, against it.

Entries for the Hongkong Schools' Football League competition close on the 24th inst.

The Kowloon Bowling Green Club are playing full rink matches this afternoon, commencing at 3 p.m.

The Universal Gazette says that Germany has again asked for the lease of Poyang Lake and that the authorities of the province of Kiangsi have wired the Waiwupu to refuse the proposal.

A report was current in Shanghai that the Nigretia, which left for Vladivostok on 16th December (since captured), included amongst her newly signed on crew the captain of the Russian war-ship Groszovi.

Messrs Benjamin, Kelly and Potts were informed by telegraph, yesterday, that the S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Ltd., has declared an Interim Dividend of Tls. 5 per share for the half year ended 31st October, 1904.

The annual match, Hongkong Cricket Club v. United Services, will take place on Saturday and Monday, the 24th and 26th inst. Play commences each day at 11.30 a.m. The following gentlemen have been selected to play for the Club:—Messrs. R. E. O. Bird, C. M. G. Burnie, J. T. Dixon, Walter Dixon, R. Hancock, H. Hancock, F. Maitland, G. E. Morrell, T. E. Pearce, A. G. Ward, and T. Sercombe Smith.

An amusing story, illustrative of the attitude of the Japanese trader towards European patents, is going the rounds of this Berlin press. Many German articles bear the letters "D.R.M.S." which stand for "Deutscher Reichs-Muster-Schutz," or, literally, German Imperial Sample Protection. It occurred to a Japanese to register these letters as his trade mark; and now he is bringing actions against German importers, whose wares bear them.

Glimpses of grim humour occur amid the rigours of war. Along the Shao, both Russian and Japanese outposts keep such a sharp watch for each other, that there is always a fusillade the instant either side shows itself. So now they set up hats on the top of sticks, just peeping over the edges of trenches, and in the distance it is impossible to see through the deception. The enemy blazes away and the hat is kept in position till a hit is scored. This is greeted with loud cheers. And so the game goes on; the Shanghai Mercury says the Japanese call it the "Shaho Shooting Club."

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

THE DIAMOND FIELDS IN BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

LONDON, 19th December.

The result of the expert examination of samples of the diamondiferous ground from British North Borneo, is reported to be that it is identical with the Kimberley blue-ground.

THE WAR.

[BY COURTESY OF THE JAPANESE CONSUL.]

PORT ARTHUR BOMBARDMENT.

Tokyo, 21st December.

The Port Arthur army reports that our captures at the north fort of Tunkikwan-shan consisted of four quick-firing guns (two of which are usable), four machine guns (all usable) and five field guns (under examination). There were, also, numerous rifles, shells, ammunition, grenades, etc.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

THE REACTIONARY MOVEMENT IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, 19th December.

Telegrams from St. Petersburg indicate that the Reactionaries are fast recovering the upper hand; the Press has been forbidden to mention representative government.

It is reported the Tsar has informed his Ministers that he is determined to maintain the principle of autocracy for his son.

THE THIRD RUSSIAN BALTIC FLEET.

LONDON, 19th December.

Admiral Sirieff has been appointed to the command of the third Baltic fleet. The Admiralty expects the fleet to sail on the 28th proximo.

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The Third Russian Baltic squadron is fitting out very hastily at Libau, with no attempt to thoroughly overhaul the ships, workmen being insufficient.

THE BALTIC FLEET (VIA THE CAPE)

LONDON, 19th December.

The Baltic fleet has passed Cape Town bound eastward.

(From Northern Paper.)

REPAIRS TO THE "SADO MARU."

Tokyo, 16th December.

The repairs to the N.Y.K.S. Sado Maru at Nagasaki have been quite completed, and she will have a trial trip shortly.

THE HARRIED RUSSIANS.

Tokyo, 16th December.

The Otago and other naval vessels which were torpedoed by the Japanese on Wednesday, steamed out of the harbour recently and moored off Mantoushan to escape the Japanese fire from the land side.

In a few days Mr. T. Wilks may proceed by the s.s. Laertes to the scene of the wreck of the s.s. Shrewsbury, on behalf of Messrs Gilman and Co.

The new V.R.C. site, adjoining the Naval Extension Works on the Hongkong side, will not be available for some time, probably till after the completion of the new dock. The Commodore suggested that the V.R.C. retain their present site till such time as is convenient for the Admiralty to hand over the new position. This has been decided on.

The Kowloon Cricket Club may possibly be granted a fine piece of ground, containing some 35,000 square feet, off Austen Road, Kowloon. The only difficulty appears to be that the Kowloon Bowling Green Club ground is situated on this plot. This club has been approached by the Government with an offer of a larger piece of land nearer the barracks and a monetary compensation. The matter is still in abeyance.

A quiet wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday morning, when Mr. Arthur W. Hill, of the Supreme Court, was married to Miss Emily Flora von Reiffenstahl (née Howell). The bride looked very becoming in a white dress with white hat to match. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's brother, Mr. F. Howell, at No. 6, Morrison Hill Road.

A native paper says the Yokohama Specie Bank at Yinkow (Newchwang) has cashed military notes above one million yen, but still the value of the Japanese military notes has been found to be declining. Thereupon the bank has tried to find out the cause of this fall of the value of the notes. It was found that the native mints were making Chinese coins out of the Japanese coins. Therefore the Japanese gendarmes went to the Jungsheng and Hsingfong native mints on the 3rd December and seized the books and arrested the responsible members of these two mints. Further investigation is still going on in the matter.

DES VOEUX ROAD FIRE INQUIRY.

The hearing of this inquiry was continued yesterday afternoon. Mr. Hursthouse (of Messrs Denny and Bowley's office) representing the Police and four Insurance Companies, and Mr. Hastings appearing on behalf of Ho Li Chio, the owner of the goods in the godown.

The next witness called was Ho Li Chio, who said:—I am the agent of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company. I was formerly a compradore of the Chinese American Commercial Company. When that company ceased to carry on business I took over the stock, the value of which was about \$63,000 or \$64,000. After deducting certain relates I arranged to pay the Company \$43,000 in three instalments. I did not check the stock in the contracts and invoices were with Mr. Murray. When the West Point godown was hired, some of the goods I took over were removed there. I insured the goods for \$5,000, a further \$4,000, and then \$10,000 in the Un On Insurance Company; \$5,000 in the Commercial Union and \$11,000 in the Meiji Fire Insurance Company. I did not know of the insurance in the latter two companies until the night of the fire. All the insurance I effected were with the Un On. The insurance was increased about a fortnight before the fire on account of a further shipment of goods which was to be put into the godown. There was no list made of the goods transferred to the West Point Godown. The godownkeeper was sleeping in the godown on the night of the fire. He was the first to inform me of it. Shortly afterwards I handed the book containing a list of goods supposed to be in the godown to the Police. I could not say whether the electrical goods in the godown are saleable. I believe the book handed to the Police contained a correct list of goods in the godown at the time of the fire.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hastings:—The last \$16,000 insurance I took out with the Un On Insurance Company. They informed me after the fire that they had transferred the insurance to the Commercial Union and the Meiji Fire Insurance Companies. I required an insurance to cover a quantity of goods that might be in the godown at any time.

Leung Chop said: I am engaged by the Chinese Engineering Company. Prior to my recent trip to Canton I used to sleep in the West Point godown. I was not there on the night of the fire. Cross-examined by Mr. Hastings: I did not go to the godown to sleep, on my return from Canton, because I was told that another man had gone to sleep there.

Wong Ying Chi declared:—I was with Lo Wing Ming at a restaurant at Hollywood Road on the night of the 8th inst. Between twelve and one o'clock he left and went in the direction of West Point.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hastings:—I could not say whether Lo Wing Ming was drunk. I do not know whether he won some money in the Wishing lottery lately. Hearing continues.

THE HONGKONG RACES.

Mr. T. F. Hough, Clerk of the Course, has kindly sent the particulars of the Hongkong Jockey Club Race Meeting, to be held at the Race Course, Happy Valley, on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of February next.

The first day's events are as follows:—Wong-nichong Stakes (half-mile), for subscription griffins; the Victoria Stakes (one mile), for China ponies; The Valley Stakes (three-quarters of a mile), for subscription griffins; The Maiden Stakes (three-quarters of a mile), for China ponies, griffins; the Foochow Cup (two miles), for China ponies; The Garrison Cup (from the two-mile post once round and in), for China ponies, griffins; The Chinese Club Cup (one-mile), for subscription griffins of any season; The Lusitano Cup (one mile), for China ponies, griffins; The Hongkong Club Cup (one mile and a half), for China ponies; The Encouragement Stakes (five furlongs), for subscription griffins.

Second day:—The Jockey Cup (once round), for subscription griffins of any season; The Exchange Plate (from the two-mile post once round and in), for China ponies; The Hongkong Derby (one mile and a half), for China ponies, griffins; The German Cup (one mile and a quarter), for subscription griffins; The Gold Coast Cup (five furlongs), for China ponies; The Professional Cup (one mile), for griffins that have never won a race; The Challenge Cup (one mile and three-quarters), for China ponies; The Spring Stakes (from the two mile post once round and in), for subscription griffins; The Navy Cup (one mile and a quarter), for griffins; The Racing Stakes (three-quarters of a mile), for subscription griffins of any season.

Third Day:—The Grand Stand Stakes (three-quarters of a mile), for China ponies, griffins; The Great Southern Stakes (one mile), for China ponies; The Governor's Cup (one mile), for subscription griffins; The Ladies' Purse (once round), for China ponies; The Playaway Stakes (seven furlongs), for China ponies, griffins; The Phaeton Stakes (three-quarters of a mile), for China ponies that have been in the Colony prior to September last and subscription griffins; The Consolation Stakes (three-quarters of a mile), for non winners at the meeting; a forced entry for subscription griffins; The Champion Stakes (one mile and a quarter), for winners at the meeting only, a forced entry; the Nil Desperandum Stakes (five furlongs), for non winners.

It will be noticed that H.E. the Governor has presented two Cups, the Gold Coast Cup and the Governor's Cup.

CHRISTMAS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There are two lines of verse which at this season of the year rise to the lips of most of us who are of the Anglo-Saxon race:—
At Christmas play, and make good cheer;

For Christmas comes but once a year.
Who the author was few, perhaps, remember, but the lines, expressing as they do a very popular sentiment associated with Christmas as the usual stereotyped wish on the annual Xmas card.

Here in the East, so far from the Homeland, we are reminded in good time of the approach of this Festive Season. The storekeeper's never allow us to forget it. Early in November the advertisements silylly set forth all the objects d'art and creature comforts of Eastern production which are "eminently suitable as Christmas presents for friends at Home," and we loosen the purse strings to such an unwonted extent that the memory of it all lives in the minds of the storekeepers from one year's end to the other. Last July a lady sent to a Chinese store for a toy to give as a birthday present and received a message from the storekeeper saying that there were no toys in stock, but he would have some for Christmas! The "foreign man's" Christmas, indeed, may be described as the storekeeper's harvest time, and if a storekeeper be prodigal also with his *excesses* at this season of the year he reckons, of course, on reaping where he has sown.

Let us, however, away with too analytical reflections and note in the advertisement columns the aids to good cheer which Santa Claus brings to the public notice. We miss here the great shows of butchers' meat and poultry which the World and his Wife at Home go out to see in the week before Xmas. Here we buy our turkey—or rather the framework—weeks in advance, and cover the bones with flesh; that is to say, we fatten the bird in our own backyards, but nevertheless there are always people who will not look ahead, and for such the butchers in the Central Market always make ample provision, giving the market an appearance which makes it worth a visit.

Perhaps before the beef and turkey, we ought to have mentioned the Christmas Pudding, for what would Christmas be without the pudding! As well play "Hamlet" without the Prince of Denmark. Times change and we change with them, but the time will never come when Xmas will be celebrated without the pudding. A lot of trouble is involved in making a "pukka" Christmas Pudding, and in this age trouble is not courted or tolerated when it may be avoided. And so the confectioner gets his chance. Looking down the Christmas announcements on page 4, we observe that the Café-Weismann is prepared for any emergency in this respect. "Christmas Puddings at 90 cents per lb. makes an attractive line in the announcement, and "home-made" puddings do not cost less. In these days there are an astonishing number of housewives in the world who prefer to "put out" this work as they do their washing. Men and women have lost faith in the virtue of "stirring the pudding," but the old desire for "tasting a bit" on Xmas day is as strong as ever. And the Café-Weismann shares with Mr. H. Ruttenberg in the list of announcements the monopoly of supplying Christmas Cakes. Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co. draw attention to their stock of Confectionery for Xmas as well as to their Christmas Crackers, competing in these lines with the Café-Weismann, who also advertises a fine stock.

Most conspicuous among the announcements are the wines for Xmas. "Good wine is a good familiar creature, if it be well used," a great Englishman has told us, and Hongkong has never lacked opportunities of getting this good familiar creature at Christmas or any other time. Old firms of good standing like Calbeck, McGregor & Co., Siemssen & Co. (as agents for Carter, Palmer & Co.'s wines and spirits), H. Price & Co. and A. S. Watson & Co., are as ready as ever to meet the demands of the season. Then there is the Wine Growers' Association (Messrs. Barretto & Co. agents) and this year the new firm of Messrs. Gregor & Co. is entering into the competition, while yet another firm is being born with the desire to assist in satisfying the public need of the "good familiar creature."

Now, having briefly glanced at the appeals to the "inner man," let us glance at the announcements which appeal to the soul and the heart. To-night we begin with the orchestral concert by the band of H.I.G.M.'s *Fuerst Bismarck*. The concerts by this band are always well worth attending, and thence no less than those that have gone before is certain to attract a full house. To-morrow night two accomplished ladies who are visiting the Colony are giving a concert at the Peak Hotel, and on Saturday night (Christmas Eve) Pollard's Lilliputians commence a short season at the Theatre.

But all this is terribly selfish. What about the usual little presents to our growing multitude of friends? Messrs. Lane Crawford & Co. give us a reminder of this little Xmas observance, and these who are puzzled to know what to select will find some helpful information in the advertisement of this well-known firm as well as in those of Messrs. Kelly & Walsh and W. Brewer & Co.

The reader having been put in a charitable frame of mind will perhaps not overlook the appeal of the Catholic Union in Glenealy, who have arranged to run a short pantomime season in aid of funds to provide Xmas treats to 700 poor children and 200 poor people. This is an effort which the Catholic Union makes every year. Last season the expenses amounted to \$1,640, and as of this sum only \$154 represented donations it will be seen that the pantomime needs to be well supported to enable the Union to achieve its purpose.

CHINFSE POETRY.

LAST NIGHT'S LECTURE BY MR. J. DYER BALL.

Mr. J. Dyer Ball last evening lectured on the "Rhythm and Rhyme in Celestial Chimes" at the Y.M.C.A.

In his opening remarks the speaker said that though the Chinese seemed so prosaic, so matter-of-fact, that at first it seems to many impossible that under the so-called yellow skin there beats a heart that throbs in unison with poetic thought and fancy, as a matter of fact the Chinese ordinarily were passionately fond of poetry; they positively revelled in it. Nature is doubtless in a mood for poetic inspiration in the East, but was man responsive where the grind for the dollar and the piling up of the paltry cash necessitated such an endless round carried on from early dawn to late at night? In answer to this question—the Chinese have been worshippers of Nature for centuries and millenniums, both in the actual and figurative sense of the term. In this land of poetry every man of education was taught to compose verse in his own language as English boys are taught to write Latin verse. As in ancient Greece, so in ancient China—poetry was an older offspring of literature than philosophy. In India there was much of "epic poetry, but in China none; historical romance took its place. There was much dramatic poetry, but though Chinese actors were known as "Children of the peach orchard" a thousand years ago, our modern stage was far in advance of theirs. The Chinese memory was highly trained, but the Chinese were not above accepting the aids which poetry lent to memory, so didactic verse was common, the subject matter being thrown into this form simply as a mnemonic aid. The Mandarin sometimes versified his proclamations so that they might attract more notice in the minds of the people, and so that they might be to the more easily remembered. The oracles in the temples had their utterances written in poetry. Lyric poetry was what the Chinese were particularly strong in. It was very difficult to render some of the masterpieces of Chinese poetry into English. European languages were very similar, and a more or less literal translation from them into English was possible. Even in such cases, however, some of the beauties were lost; but when two languages were so dissimilar as English and Chinese the attempt was often disastrous. Therefore, much Chinese poetry was not capable of being translated. The study of Chinese poetry would show that the Chinese poets were of the same flesh and blood as ourselves, inasmuch that they had the same thoughts and feelings and were moved by the same emotions and desires; that, in fact, their hearts beat in unison with ours—though seas and continents separated us, there was the same sky overhead, and human nature was the same the world over. As in the West, so in the Far East—poetry had risen from a rugged original, when a rapidity of style and irregularity in the use of the embellishments of rhyme and measure were first employed. It was only half the truth to say that Chinese was a monosyllabic language. It was so to a great extent, but there were sufficient diphthongs and short and long pronunciation of words to give an expressive variety to the verse. Added to this was the tonic system, which alone would give a musical cadence to the verse. There were a number of different measures, including the parallelisms so common in Hebrew poetry. One very interesting feature in Chinese poetry was imitative harmony, when the notes of birds were employed to make up a poem, in which the birds appeared to be speaking Chinese. The "Sliking" or "The Book of Odes" was a collection of ancient lyrics. There was nothing photographic in them, but amongst many Chinese the mere mention of love and love-making was thought to be immortal, and they had given political meaning to many of these national songs of the people. About two hundred years before Christ a poem called "The Bird of Fate," bearing a striking resemblance to Edgar Allan Poe's "Raven," was written. Domestic affection appeared in several Chinese poems, though it was thought indecorous to show signs of it in every day life, and deserted wives have also sung their woes. One of the greatest of China's poets was Li Tai-po, who lived in the T'ang Dynasty (618–905 A.D.). He had been styled the Pope of the Horaces of that age. People blamed the Chinese for callousness towards suffering, especially in the brute creation, but several of their poets wrote in a contrary vein. A famous poet of the Sung Dynasty (1036–1111 A.D.) was Su Tung-po. His works were contained in a hundred and fifteen volumes, and so prized were his poems that some of them were cut in stone. Long poems were almost unknown in China. One of the longest was "Lei San, The Song of the Sorrow-Stricken One." The author was a high minister of state who, when his sovereign felt changed towards him, committed suicide. The Dragon Boat

Feast was kept in memory of him—it was figurative of trying to recover the body of the lamented minister.

Mr. Dyer Ball gave many illustrations of Chinese poetry, and finished up by instancing a few songs written for children. A translation of the last, and perhaps the prettiest of these, was as follows:—

"My little baby, little boy blue,
Is as sweet as sugar and cinnamon too;
Isn't this precious darling of ours
Sweeter than dates and cinnamon flowers?"

An Imperial rescript dated 13th December was wired to the Governor of Kwangtung, Chang Jen-cheen, saying that the said Governor is held responsible for speedily suppressing bandits now ravaging the province of Kwangtung so as to root out any source of further troubles in that province.

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Nippon Yusen Kaisha,
Hongkong, 1st December, 1904. [430]

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Apply to—
HUMPHREYS' ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LD.
Hongkong, 21st June, 1904. [2350]

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Apply to—
ALBERT RUMJAHN,
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Hongkong, 3rd June, 1904. [27]

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ONE ROOM, on the First Floor of Alexandra Buildings.
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SECRETARY,
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited,
Hongkong, 10th December, 1904. [1515]

TO LET

A SUITE OF TWO ROOMS, on the Ground Floor of the Annex, suitable for Offices. For particulars apply to the undersigned.
G. H. GRACE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th June, 1904. [1417]

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An effort has been made by A. Voelter to produce an electric resistance material that may be graduated to yield temperatures varying over a considerable range. He uses a mixture of fine granulated amorphous carbon, graphite and silicates, and this is divided into seven sizes of granulation, each class being adjusted further by changing the proportions of graphite and silicates. The addition of graphite increasing the conductivity and that of silicates lessening it. The material may be thus adapted to the degree of heat required.

The deplorable summer waste of child life, especially in crowded cities, calls for scientific attention. A recent medical writer claims that the epidemic diarrhoea that proves so fatal may be avoided by the following precautions: (1) Clean milk nipples; (2) clean towns, with effective sewage removal, dust collection and disposal and street watering; (3) clean houses, with attention to food vessels, covering food from dust and flies, and personal habits; and (4) destruction or exclusion of flies.

The snail's sense of smell has been located in the horns by some observers, but authorities quite as good have regarded this conclusion as incorrect. M. Yung, who has been making experiments to settle the matter, now claims to have proven that the snail's nose is distributed over the entire body.

The sounds emitted by telegraph and telephone wires have been a subject of study by F. Beck, who claims to have made it possible to forecast local weather conditions one or more days ahead from the humming. Observations are made at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The dry distillation of wood by superheated steam is being successfully tried in a new factory at Umea, Sweden, the process giving a large output of wood coal, while the wood-tar and tar-pentene oils produced are of far greater purity than with direct retort firing, the temperature being much more uniform. The steam, superheated to several hundred degrees, is passed into a tightly-closed retort of a capacity of fifteen meters, filled with resinous wood. The wood-tar, mixed with condensing water, falls to the bottom of the retort, while the steam and volatile products pass to a second retort superheated like the first. The combustible wood gases are then used for the steam producer and superheater. The water condensed from them enters the tar-pentene oil, which is readily separated, and the wood-tar from time to time drawn from the first retort is made to float on the water by adding salt to increase the density of the latter.

It is a curious fact that within a short time arsenic—one of the deadliest of poisons—has been brought to notice not only as a common constituent of animal tissues but as an essential one. Dangerous accumulation is prevented by its constant passage away through the skin and in the excretion. About forty different foods have been examined by Arnold Gautier and P. Clausmann, and in animal and vegetable products, wines, beer, water, salt, etc., arsenic was found, bones and cabbages alone showing no traces. It is especially abundant in the flesh of fish and crustaceans. Our ordinary daily diet supplies a fraction of a grain, and this quantity, while thought to be needed, seems to be sufficient.

A unique observation of the stopping of a clock by lightning has been made by Dr. Ernst Hartwig, of the Bamberg Observatory. He was noting the intervals between lightning flashes and thunder when the roof on the observatory was struck twice, with an interval of 46 seconds. The clock, on a stone pillar in the basement, stopped 34 seconds after the second stroke. The clock was not injured, but the pendulum seems to have been momentarily affected by a powerful electric field.

An attempt to give scientific expression to the degree of agreeableness of a climate is being made by Capt. W. F. Tyler, F. R. Met. Soc. of London. Concluding that our sensations are chiefly influenced by temperature and humidity, he has coined the word "hypher" to indicate the joint effect, and represents a perfectly pleasant day on the hypher scale and an intolerably oppressive one as 10. He has succeeded in getting ten persons to make observations through one summer month. The results indicate that other factors—possibly barometric pressure and electric conditions—have appreciable influence upon sensation, and that considerable training of observers will be needed before trustworthy records can be made.

The physiological effects of electric currents have been investigated by Prof. Nernst at Bonn. The safety of the human body when exposed to a powerful high frequency electric current has been explained as due to the passage of the current over the surface of the body only, but Prof. Nernst finds the reason of this harmless effect is probably that it does not have time to effect a change in the cellular tissue before the reversal of the current takes place. Experiments on frogs have confirmed the new theory.

The new motor force of the United States Army is a vehicle 122 feet long, driven by a 24-horse-power gasoline engine, and carrying oil for travelling 300 miles at 10 to 12 miles an hour. It is fitted up with a small machine shop, blacksmith's shop and saddler's shop, while it carries spare parts likely to be needed by a light battery on the march. An auxiliary engine on one side operates a dynamo, lathe and grindstone.

Warts and moles are regarded as dangerous by a Philadelphia physician. He cites 25 cases in which they have taken an active malignant form and he urges an operation before malignant disease has begun to develop.

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TRADE PROSPECTS IN CHINA.

Recent publications of the Central Union for the Preparation of Trade Treaties, Berlin, contain some interesting information concerning Germany's interests in China, and also to commercial prospects in China generally.

If we look on the German spheres of interest, outside of Shanghai, we find in Shanghai, for example, two German stock companies with a working capital of \$238,000. These companies are engaged in the weaving of silk and cotton goods. There are in addition \$2,380,000 of German capital engaged in selling silk. \$1,500,000 in flour mills, and large amounts in agricultural companies, banks, wharves, docks, gas houses, etc. In numerous other places in China large sums of German capital have been invested in all kinds of industrial enterprises, although it would be hard to obtain exact figures in regard to them. Still another picture—the German merchant in China, Shanghai alone has at least 68 large German firms whose annual turnover amounts to \$28,500,000, or 22 per cent. of the total turnover of the city of Shanghai. After Shanghai, Tientsin is the most Germanised city in China. It has 29 large German firms working with an active capital of \$4,552,000. The Germans' part in the business of that city amounts to 60 per cent. of the total imports and 45 per cent. of the total exports. In Canton 12 German commercial houses are stationed, doing 50 per cent. of the total import and 75 per cent. of the total export business. Chefoo has 4 German firms with a capital of \$37,000; Amoy has 3 German firms, with a capital of \$71,400. Of the other treaty ports, Swatow, Foochow, and Hankow are domiciles of large German firms. Germany's share in the imports of Hankow is placed at \$2,855,000 and her share in exports at \$700,000 to \$800,000.

Is China important for its imports of German wares? Germany's foreign trade statistics puts China with Mexico, and Hongkong and Kiaochoo as the three largest. In the year 1902 goods worth \$1,029,200 were exported to China, including Mexico, from Germany. Almost every important branch of German industry is represented in these exports. During the same year German exports to Hongkong amounted to \$952,000, and to the Protectorate of Kiaochoo to \$1,612,200. This is by no means an exact picture of our trade in China; it deals only with our direct exports thereto, but which should be added our indirect exports, but, unfortunately, these cannot be reduced to figures. We have said sufficient to show that German interests in the East deserve attention. But it is not by the conditions of yesterday or to-day, measured by figures, that we are to indicate the vast prospects which await the Germans in China and in the Chinese market. The entire situation in the world's market, the signs of the times, the great competition of the people, rapidly assuming other forms than they have hitherto known, are all in the equation.

Caution and foresight, such as to take great care and to be prepared to cover inevitable losses by gains elsewhere. All these things lead us to turn our eyes toward the Orient—to that part of the world in which the opening up of China is to be the last act in the great division of the world's territory. And now has come a time that is to convert the Chinese from a people purchasing a merely nominal amount to a people demanding and buying large quantities of foreign goods. Nor is this a mere fancy. Explorations in the East, which may be said to be in their infancy, have all given evidence of the fact that the soil of China and its mountains are rich in all kinds of natural resources. Quicksilver, zinc, antimony, lead, zinc, and copper ores are found and exported. It is also well known that gold in workable quantities is to be found. Modern mining, with all its technical machinery, has been introduced. Modern mining laws that will give the right impulse to the work of mining in China and will result in attracting foreign capital have not yet been passed. The opportunities offered for the better cultivation of tea and silk have been pointed out again and again. There are a great many factors which if properly employed would lead to a purchasing power on the part of the Chinese far beyond anything hitherto known. The capacity to increase the demand is there, and even the most modest and closest calculations are in no way opposed to the opinion already expressed that great hopes for a large trade in the future are justified.

The vast opportunities offered for the extension of foreign trade in the great Empire of China is already having its effect on the imagination of those interested. Estimates of the value of orders that China is now in a position to give put it at fabulous sums; but, as a matter of fact, one part of China, the south-east, with an area of 4,000,000 square miles, would demand a railroad network of 186,410 miles, of which Germany, England, France, Belgium, and the United States would construct 37,282 miles each, work worth \$1,428,000,000 would fall to each one of these countries. There would be a demand for at least 50,000,000 tons of steel and iron, an order large enough, when properly divided, to aid in keeping the world's iron and steel industries profitably employed for 50 years. It is hardly necessary to take the trouble to prove estimates of this kind. For even if one makes allowances for overestimates, there is still enough to warrant hopes expressed. Railroads are not the only works that give promise. There are other great transportation systems, such as telegraph wires and poles to be erected, bridges to be built, rivers to be regulated, bars in rivers and harbours to be removed, and hundreds of public works that will need foreign materials, many of which can never be carried out unless by the aid of foreign machinery. There is a great opportunity. Everything must be done to meet it in order that the German workman and the German financier may reap a great reward.

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SHIPPING IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

AGINCOURT, British str., 2,876, H. T. Worsnop, Hainan Island 1st Oct.—Gilman & Co.
ATHENIAN, British str., 2,440, S. Robinson, 17th Dec.—Vancouver 14th Nov.—C. P. R. Co.
AUSTRALIAN, British str., 1,784, A. H. Schaw, 18th Dec.—Melbourne 13th Nov.—and Manila 15th Dec.—General—Gibb, Livingstone & Co.
BELGIAN KING, British str., 2,353, J. Hayton, 2nd Dec.—Meji 28th Nov.—Coal.—Bradley & Co.
CLARA JENSEN, German str., 1,103, J. Bendixen, 19th Dec.—Haiphong 17th Dec.—Rice and General.—Jensen & Co.
CLAYBURN, British str., 2,154, Barton, 19th Dec.—Salina Cruz 14th Nov.—China Commercial S.S. Co.
DERAMORE, Norwegian str., 1,496, Olaf Tensberg, 18th Dec.—Haiphong 16th Dec.—Rice.—A. R. Marty.
DON OLA, British str., 2,820, M. N. English, 15th Dec.—New York 16th Sept.—Case Oil.—Standard Oil Co.
ELAK, British str., 2,512, E. S. Baker, 12th Dec.—Ara Bay 1st Oct.—Bulk Oil.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
EMPRESS OF CHINA, British str., 3,046, E. Beedham, R.N.R., 20th Dec.—Vancouver (B.C.) 28th Nov. and Shanghai 18th Dec.—Mails and General.—C. P. R. Co.
ESANG, British str., 1,127, Koops, 20th Dec.—Tientsin 14th Dec.—General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
FAUSANG, British str., 1,410, R. Cox, 20th Dec.—Java 11th Dec.—Sugar.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
FERREYRE, British str., 2,441, Fisher, 18th Dec.—Batoum via Colombo 4th Nov.—Petroleum.—Doddwell & Co.
GOLDMOUTH, British str., 4,883, Starkey, 1st Dec.—Batoum 25th October, Oil.—Doddwell & Co.
GREGORY APCAR, British str., 2,961, J. G. Olfert, 20th Dec.—Calcutta via Straits 3rd Dec.—General.—David Sassoon & Co.
HAILAN, French str., 377, L. Anderson, 20th Dec.—Pakhov and Hoihow 19th Dec.—General.—A. R. Marty.
HALABAN, Dutch str., 385, J. Steendam, 6th Dec.—Fochow 2nd Dec.—Ballast.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
HIGHLANDER, British str., 2,490, W. Dawson, 17th Dec.—Mojil 14th Dec.—Coal.—Doddwell & Co., Ltd.
HONGKONG, French str., 742, A. Sazzoni, 20th Dec.—Haiphong and Hoihow 19th Dec.—General.—A. R. Marty.
HUE, French str., 705, Godinau, 27th Nov.—Haiphong and Ports 26th Nov.—General.—A. R. Marty.
INDEVAL, British str., 3,135, S. Cullington, 28th Nov.—Shanghai 24th Nov.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
INKVA, British str., 3,316, E. Dean, 18th Dec.—Malta 4th November.—Order.
KORAT, German str., 1,220, W. Hubner, 19th Dec.—Bangkok and Angkor 18th Dec.—General.—Chinese.
LAETTES, British str., 1,341, J. B. Jackson, 15th Dec.—Saigon 10th December, Rice and Sundries.—Chinese.
MEDAN, German str., 764, O. Stolberg, 30th Nov.—South Sea Islands (Yap) 23rd Sept., Cobra and Beche-de-mar.—Siemssen & Co.
MEERPO, Chinese str., 1,321, J. Whitelaw, 19th Dec.—Shanghai 16th Dec.—General.—Chinese.
OPLAND, Norwegian str., 844, Th. W. Schlytter, 4th Dec.—Nerohwang 25th Nov.—Beans.—M. D. Kasha.
PHU YEN, French str., 1,299, Duerolast, 17th Dec.—Soerabaya 5th Dec.—General.—Bradley & Co.
PRELATES, American str., 2,932, F. G. Purington, 16th Dec.—Mojil 11th December, Coal.—Doddwell & Co., Ltd.
PROFIT, Norwegian str., 715, E. Olsen, 18th Dec.—Bangkok 9th Dec.—Rice.—Aagaard Thorson.
SAMSEN, German str., 998, Rehwalder, 19th Dec.—Bangkok 11th Dec.—Rice.—Melchers & Co.
SEALDA, British str., 3,438, Geo. Brown, 29th Nov.—Mojil 23rd November, Coal.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
SHEILA, British str., 2,397, J. White, 12th Dec.—Westport via Newcastle 10th November, Coal.—Admiralty.
SCOTSMAN, British str., 1,964, E. A. Mackenzie, 18th Dec.—Mojil 10th Dec.—Coal.—Chinese.
SIAM, British str., 1,121, Burns, 17th Dec.—Laoghat 6th and Singapore 8th December, Kerosene.—Geo. McBain.
SILVERLIP, British str., 4,400, G. Bramston, 18th Dec.—London 30th Oct. and Singapore 11th Dec.—General.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
STANLEY DOLLAR, British str., 1,857, J. B. Shaw, 5th Dec.—San Francisco 31st Oct.—Flour.—Shewan, Tomes & Co.
TETARTOS, German str., 1,578, F. Desler, 14th Dec.—Kutchinotzu 9th Dec.—Coal.—Siemssen & Co.
THEA, German str., 734, Falda, 30th Nov.—Cardiff 29th Sept.—Coal.—Jensen & Co.
TRIUMPH, German str., 769, A. Hansen, 17th Dec.—Fochow, Amoy and Swatow 16th Dec.—General.—Jensen & Co.

ZAFIRO, British str., 1,011, R. Rodger, 20th Dec.—Macilla 17th Dec.—General.—Shewan, Tomes & Co.

SAILING SHIPS.

ACME, American 4-m. ship, 2,937, McLellan, 19th Dec.—Kobe 9th Dec.—General.—Standard Oil Co.
ANGEL, British barque, 1,700, Salter, 26th Nov.—Fremantle 20th Sept.—Sandalwood.—Order.
PRINCE ROBERT, Norwegian 4-m. barque, 2,655, Hansen, 22nd Nov.—New York 9th July, Petroleum.—Standard Oil Co.
TARANG, American schooner, 70, Probot, 13th Dec.—Yap (Caroline Island) 4th Dec.—Beche-de-mar.—G. P. Lammert.
BRITISH WARSHIPS.
ALACRITY, British despatch-boat, 1,700, Comdr. R. M. Harbord.
ALBION, H.M. battleship, 12,950, Fremantle.
ALGERINE, British sloop, 1,050, Rowland Nugent.
BRITOMART, British gunboat, 710, Com. T. D. Pratt.
CHERUB, water tank and tug.
GLORY, British battleship, 13,000, Hon. W. G. St. John.
HARRY, torpedo boat destroyer.
HUMBER, British storeship, 1,400, P. M. Riad.
OTTER, torpedo boat destroyer, Lieut. E. H. Jelliffe.
PHENIX, British sloop, 1,050, John Nicholas.
ROSARIO, British sloop, 930, Vivian.
TAKU, British destroyer, 250, Cranford.
TAMAR, receiving ship, Commodore C. G. Dickson.
THEETIS, British cruiser, J. C. A. Wilkinson.
TWEED, British gunboat, 362, R. H. Keats.
VIRAGO, torpedo boat destroyer.
WATERWITCH, British surveying-ship, 630, Comdr. E. C. Hardy.
FOREIGN WARSHIPS.
CALLAO, U.S. gunboat, 235, Lieut. Dismark.
FURST BISMARCK, German cruiser, 11,000, From.
GENERAL ALAVA, American transport, Captain Whitlow.
KAISERIN ELI ABETH, Austrian cruiser, 4,000, Mire.
LUCHS, German gunboat, 85, Kronack.
VASCO DA GAMA, Portuguese cruiser, 3,003, Vasco de Carvalho.

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The public are requested to post their local Christmas Cards early on the 23rd and 24th of December.

Attention is called to page 5, paragraph 50, of the Hongkong Postal Guide, which has reference to the stamping and posting of Christmas and New Year Cards.

Cards which are sealed or forwarded in closed covers with the corners cut off or with notched ends will be treated as letters and cannot be forwarded at Book Post rate.

Christmas Day the 25th and Boxing Day the 26th inst., having been declared public holidays, the Post Office will be closed, except from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. There will be one delivery and one collection as on Sundays. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

In future, the following will be the hours of clearance of Pillar Boxes in Kowloon.

Competition Dock 8.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m.
 Hung Hom Dock 9.15 a.m., 1.00 p.m.
 Yau Ma Tei Police station 9.00 a.m., 1.00 p.m.
 Gas Works 9.05 a.m., 1.05 p.m.
 Cameron Road 8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 1.45 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

On Sundays there will be one clearance only.

The Boat, with the German mail left Singapore on Saturday, the 17th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The Manchuria, with the American mail left Shanghai on Monday, the 19th inst., and may be expected here to-day.

The Australia, with the French mail of the 25th November, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at noon, and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 27th inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 22nd October.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	FOR	DATE.
Canton	Kiashan	Thursday, 22nd, 7.30 A.M.
Macao	Wingchui	Thursday, 22nd, 7.30 A.M.
Quang Chow Wan, Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	Hongkong	Thursday, 22nd, 9.00 A.M.
Macao	Hongkong	Thursday, 22nd, 1.45 P.M.
Kongmoon and Kunchuk	Shanghai	Thursday, 22nd, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Taichow	Thursday, 22nd, 5.00 P.M.
Namtao	Huifu	Thursday, 22nd, 5.00 P.M.
Sambue	Fatshan	Thursday, 22nd, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd, 7.30 A.M.
Macao	Wingchui	Friday, 23rd, 7.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd, 1.00 P.M.
Macao	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd, 1.45 P.M.
Shanghai	Shanghai	Friday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Zabala	Friday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Saigon	Lamoa	Friday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Yamoa	Friday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Namtao	Taichow	Friday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Sambue	Huifu	Friday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Kongmoon, Kunchuk, Samsui, Shuihing, Takling and Wuchow	Samsui	Friday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Fatshan	Saturday, 24th, 7.30 A.M.
Macao	Wingchui	Saturday, 24th, 7.30 A.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C. and Tacoma (Wash.)	Pleiku	Saturday, 24th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Hongkong	Saturday, 24th, 1.45 P.M.
Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya and Macassar	Tyngah	Saturday, 24th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Kwang	Saturday, 24th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	M. Struss	Saturday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Namtao	Taichow	Saturday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Sambue	Huifu	Saturday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Wingchui	Monday, 25th, 8.00 A.M.
Kongmoon and Kunchuk	Taichow	Monday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Namtao	Taichow	Monday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Sambue	Huifu	Monday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Canton	Hongkong	Monday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Nagasaki	Chikhi	Monday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Kongmoon, Kunchuk, Samsui, Shuihing, Takling and Wuchow	Linton	Monday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Namtao	Taichow	Monday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Sambue	Huifu	Monday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Macao	Hongkong	Monday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Macao, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and San Francisco	Manchuria	Monday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.

TO-DAY.

Extraordinary General Meeting of the Wo Shau Co., Ltd. 2 p.m.

Grand Xmas Pantomime, Catholic Union, 2 p.m.

Full Rink Matches, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, 3 p.m.

Grand Orchestral Concert, Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Ordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd., noon.

Sale, Japanese Curios, Sales Rooms, Mr. Geo. P. Lamport, 2.30 p.m.

Grand evening Concert, Peak Hotel, 9.15 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

21st December.

ON LONDON.

Telegraphic Transfer 1/11

Bank Bills, on demand 1/11

Bank Bills, at 30 days sight 1/11

Bank Bills, at 4 months sight 1/11

Credits, at 4 months sight 1/11

Documentary Bills, at 4 months sight 1/11

ON PARIS.

Bank Bills, on demand 242

Credits, at 4 months sight 246

ON GERMANY.

On demand 196

ON NEW YORK.

Bank Bills, on demand 47

Credits, 60 days sight 47

ON LOMBARDY.

Telegraphic Transfer 143

Bank, on demand 143

ON CALCUTTA.

Telegraphic Transfer 143

Bank, on demand 143

ON SHANGHAI.

Bank, at sight 71

Private, 30 days sight 72

ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand 94

ON MANILA.—On demand—Pesos—94

ON SINGAPORE.—On demand—21 p.m.

ON BAT YIA.—On demand—116

ON HAIKONG.—On demand—14 p.m.

ON SAIGON.—On demand—1 p.m.

ON HONGKONG.—On demand—1 p.m.

SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate 130.30

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Malwa Old 21140 to 21160

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Malwa V. Old 21250 to 21270

Persian fine quality 2870 to

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Patna New 21152 to per chest.

Patna Old 21152 to

Peacocks New 21107 to

Peacocks Old 21107 to

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. steamer *Manchuria* left Shanghai for this port on the 19th Dec., p.m., and is due here to-day a.m.

The O. & O. steamer *Coptic*, from San Francisco to the 26th Nov. via Honolulu, left Yokohama for this port on the morning of the 17th Dec. via Kobe, &c., and is due here on the 23rd Dec.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. steamer *Boon* left Singapore on Saturday at 8 a.m., and may be expected here to-day at daylight.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. steamer *Australien* left Singapore on the 20th Dec. at noon for this port via Saigon.

RECENT STEAMERS.

The A.L. steamer *China* left Singapore for this port on the 15th Dec.

The H.A.L. steamer *Sithonia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 15th Dec., p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

THE P. & O. steamer *Jara* left Singapore for this port on the 17th inst. at 5 p.m.

The A.A. steamer *Assopanga*, from New York, left Singapore on the 11th Dec., and is due here on the 24th Dec. from Manila.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Pelene* left Singapore on the 18th Dec. at daylight, and is due here on the 24th Dec.

The Indo-China steamer *Loisang*, from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore on the 20th Dec. and is due here on the 26th Dec.

The Boston S.S. Co.'s steamer *Shadmut* left Seattle for Japan ports only on the 23rd Nov.

The N.C. steamer *Taiyuan*, from Australian ports, left Sydney on the 7th Dec., and is due here on the 25th Dec.

The Boston S.S. Co.'s steamer *Tremont* arrived at Yokohama on the 13th Dec.

The steamer *Launier* left New York on the 5th Dec.

The C.P.R. steamer *Tartar* left Vancouver for Hongkong via the usual ports of call on Tuesday, the 13th Dec., a.m.

The steamer *Lyna* left Victoria on the 12th Dec.

The steamer *Germanicus* left Victoria (B.C.) on the 14th inst.

The P. & A. steamer *Nicomedia* arrived at Yokohama on the 16th Dec. and left again on the 19th Dec. via Kobe and Moji and may be expected here on the 30th Dec.

The P. & A. steamer *Namantia* left Portland (Or.) on the 18th Dec. via Japan ports, and may be expected here on the 23rd Jan.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

29th Dec. *Hindia*, *Leithian*, Dec. 29th. *Anapa*, *Priam*, *Australian*, *Launier*, *Frederham*, 6th. *Denbighshire*, *Confidence*, 9th. *Benlrig*, *Gloucester*, *Georgy*, *Headlight*, *Wray Castle*, 13th. *Palma*, *Dunearn*, *Fersia*, *Spica*, *Castle*, *Fogland*, *Bayern*, *Manila*, 16th. *Aja*, *Andalusia*, *Brigaviva*, *Brachon*, *Salome*, *Prinz Regent Luitpold*, 20th. *Ernest Simon*, *Quinta*, Dec. 2nd. *Eppon*, *Zieten*, 9th. *Achilles*, 12th. *Malacca*, 13th. *Prinzess Alice*, *Oanfa*, *Suevia*, *Pinquety*, 16th. *Barotse*, *Prinz Heinrich*, 20th. *Ulysses*.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTED.

Per *Prinz Eitel Friedrich*, for Hamburg, &c., Mr. Lorenz Adde, Mr. F. Adde, Mr. E. B. Ackermann, Mr. and Mrs. Ackermann, Major and Mrs. W. H. Allaire, Mr. Backe, Miss F. Biddulph, Mrs. G. E. Biddulph, Messrs. Jules Blau and C. H. E. Carbill, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, Mr. E. Christmann, Mr. and Mrs. J. Croft, Miss E. Culverwell, Dr. F. Doffin, Mr. J. A. Erani, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ficke, Mr. A. D. Ficke, Misses A. and H. Ficke, Mr. E. Frank, Mrs. A. M. Gade, Mrs. van Guist, Dr. J. Grand, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Harris, Mr. W. A. Haver, *Prinzess Alice*, *Hussan*, *Miss H. Halkon*.

Per *Kontre*, Admiral von Holtzendorff, Mr. J. Irving Povey, Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Jenichen, Mr. H. A. Jones, Dr. and Mrs. Kinneer and children, Messrs. E. Knappe, H. Lavy, Laird and Albert de Lude, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. MacCann, Consul Dr. Merz, Mr. Meyer, Rev. and Mrs. G. Miller, Miss Rohal Miller, Miss George Miller, Mrs. Moreau, Messrs. Monnard, G. W. Morse, Mr. and Mrs. Nitschke and child, Mrs. Ockitami, Mrs. Osborn, Inspector and Mrs. Pantel, Miss Pantel, Miss Reid, Mr. T. Richard, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Robinson, Messrs. Peter Rooking, K. Sakai and Schaeppmann, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scholten, Dr. O. Schreiner, Mr. T. Schutze, Dr. Seewerdt, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sheldermore, Mr. T. M. Sheldermore, Miss L. E. Sheldermore, Miss A. F. Shillington and Shillington, Messrs. H. E. Sly, Percy Smith, Miss Adda Smith, Mr. H. E. Sotter, Mr. and Mrs. H. Sa. thlage, Mr. J. Ternuchi, Mrs. Traumer and child, Messrs. G. C. V. Tunnus, R. Wahlen, Hermann Wilhelm, W. Willner, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. B. Wortmann.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 20th December.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Bank—		
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$715, sales
Nat'l. Bank of China		\$125, sales
A. Shares	25	\$30, sellers
B. Shares	25	\$30, sellers
Peun. Shares	21	\$10, buyers
Insurance—		
Union	\$100	\$710, buyers
China Traders	25	\$58, sales & sel.
North China	25	\$15, sales
Yangtze	25	\$150, sales
Canton	25	\$250, buyers
Hongkong Fire	25	\$385, sales & buy.
China Fire	25	\$30, sales & buy.
Steamship Coys.		
H. Canton and M.	\$10	\$28, sales
Indo-China S. N.	15	\$12, sales
China and Manila	25	\$24, sellers
Douglas Steamship	25	\$33, buyers
Star Ferry	25	\$40, sellers
Shell Transport & Trading Co.	21	25s. 6d., sellers
Do. prof. shares	210	25 10.
Railways—		
China Sugar	\$100	\$224, sales
Luzon Sugar	\$100	\$17, sellers
Mining—		
Charbonnages	Fca. 250	\$480.
Zabala	19/10	\$4, sellers
Docks &c.		
H. & W. Dock	\$50	\$217, sellers
H. & W. Wharf & G.	\$50	\$114, sellers
New Amey Dock	\$61	\$27, sellers
S.C.E., Ryd & Co., Ltd.	1/10	\$163.
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Inv.	\$100	\$145, sellers
Kowloon Land & B.	\$80	\$39, buyers
West Point Building	\$50	\$39, sellers
Hongkong Hotel	\$60	\$145, sellers
Amphraya & Co.	\$10	\$124, sellers
Shanghai Land	\$24	\$117.
Cotton Mills—		
Ever	\$10	\$25, buyers
Intercontinental	\$10	\$25, buyers
Leau Kung Mow	\$10	\$25, buyers
Seychelle	\$10	\$160, sellers
Hongkong	\$10	\$181.
Companies—		
Alumina, Ltd.	\$500	\$100, buyers
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	12s. 6d.	\$54.
Campbell, Moore & Co.	\$10	\$40, buyers
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	\$12	\$18, sales
China Ryd. & Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$31, sales & buyers
Dairy Farm	\$10	\$30, buyers
Geo. Leavick	\$25	\$45, sellers
Green Island Cement	\$10	\$30, sales
Hongkong Electric	\$5	\$9, buyers
Hongkong & C. Gas	210	\$100, buyers
H. H. L. Tramways	\$100	\$250.
Hongkong Ice	\$25	\$250.
Hongkong Kops	\$50	\$150, buyers
Hk. Steam Water-boat Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$20, sellers
Philippine Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$91, sellers
S. & H. Dyeing & C.	\$50	\$50.
S. China Morning Post	\$25	\$21, buyers
Tobacco Trading Co.	\$5	\$170, sellers
China Light and Power Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$10, sellers
Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.	\$5	\$7.
United Assurance	\$5	\$4.
Do.	\$5	\$9.
Do.	\$10	\$180.
Watkins, Ltd.	\$10	\$9, buyers
Watson & Co., A.S.	\$10	\$13, sellers
William Powell, Ltd.	\$10	\$12, buyers

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HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 22nd to the 28th December.

HOUR.	HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
	Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.	Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.
Tues. 22	9.25 a.m.	8.11	3.11 p.m.	1.2
Wed. 23	10.25 a.m.	8.11	4.11 p.m.	1.2
Thurs. 24	11.25 a.m.	8.11	5.11 p.m.	1.2
Fri. 25	12.25 p.m.	8.11	6.11 p.m.	1.2
Sat. 26	1.25 p.m.	8.11	7.11 p.m.	1.2
Sun. 27	2.25 p.m.	8.11	8.11 p.m.	1.2
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WEEK DAYS.	
7.00 a.m.	8.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
8.00 a.m.	9.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
9.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m.	11.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m.	12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m.	1.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
1.15 p.m.	1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m.	2.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
2.15 p.m.	3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
3.00 p.m.	5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m.	8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
NIGHT CARS.	
8.45 p.m. & 9.00 p.m., 9.45 to 11.15 p.m., every 4 hours.	
Extra cars at 11.30 p.m. and 11.45 p.m. SUNDAYS.	
8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.	Every 15 minutes.
9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.	Every 10 minutes.
9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.	Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	Every 10 minutes.
11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.	Every 10 minutes.
6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.	Every 10 minutes.
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